RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

NOTIFICATION.

No. 2551—2756. *The 11th September* 1886.

Under Section 11, Clause 2 of the Excise Act No. XXII of 1881 as amended by Act VI of 1885, the Resident in Mysore is pleased to issue the following Rules for restricting the cultivation of hemp and for regulating the sale of ganja and its preparations in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, with effect from the 22nd July 1886 :—

Rules framed by the Resident in Mysore, under Act XXII of 1881 *as amended by Act VI of* 1885, *to control the sale of ganja and majum in the Civil and Military Station.*

Rule I.—(1.) Under Section 11 of the Excise Act provision is made—

A. For the restriction of the cultivation of the hemp plant.
B. To restrict the export of ganja and majum, obtained from hemp grown in the Civil and Military Station.
C. To restrict the import into the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore of ganja and its preparations.
D. To restrict and regulate the preparation and sale of intoxicating drugs, and (2.) to secure the duty leviable in respect of those drugs.

A. To restrict and regulate the cultivation of the hemp plant.

Rule II.—(1.) For the purposes of these Rules the hemp plant may be taken to be that generally known as the Cannabis Sativa of Linn ;

Hindustani, Ganja ; Canarese, Bhangi-soppu ; Tamil, Ganja-yele ; Telugu, Bangi-aku ; but as there are several varieties of the Indian hemp, each and every such variety shall be taken to be included in, and as falling under, these Rules.

(2.) The cultivation of hemp in the limits of the Civil and Military Station will only be allowed on pattas in form A obtained from the Collector.

B. To regulate the export of the crop of ganja raised.

Rule III.—(1.) Ganja obtained from hemp grown in the Civil and Military Station will only be allowed to be exported after a license has in form D been obtained from the Collector.

C. To regulate and restrict the import of ganja raised outside the limits of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

Rule IV.—(1.) The Collector may permit the contractor to import ganja from beyond the limits of the Civil and Military Station under passes in form C to be issued by him in communication with the authorities of the District from which the article is imported, provided the drug is of good quality and is not more than 18 months old. The consignment on arrival shall not have bulk broken till examined and approved by the Collector. Stock shall then be taken and the consignment duly brought to book, and the number and date of the Collector's Pass shall be quoted against the entry in the contractor's books.

D. To regulate and restrict (1.) the preparation of intoxicating drugs and (2.) to secure the duty leviable therefrom.

Rule V.—(1.) Appendix N contains a paper giving particulars of the drug itself and some of the principal and most popular preparations thereof, as well as the character, analysis, actions, and uses, botany, and economic value of the fibre derived from the hemp plant, and this will serve as a reference for any general information needed on the subject by any one concerned.

1. Preparation of drugs.

Rule VI.—(1.) To enable Government to recover the duty on the drugs raised in or imported into the Civil and Military Station, the following Rules shall be observed :—

2. To secure the duty leviable on the drugs sold.

(2.) The quantity of ganja contained in any of its preparations thereof sold shall be duly exhibited in accounts of both the contractors and the retail dealers. The stocks made and sold shall be separately accounted for as ganja, majum, &c., in the forms prescribed, J. K. L., for the contractors as wholesale dealers and M., for shop-keepers as retail vendors.

License form.

(3.) Every person other than the Government contractor and retail vendors in the Civil and Military Station shall, on or before the 1st December 1886, produce before the Amildar, such ganja or the preparations thereof over 5 tolas as he may have in his possession. If the drug is bad from old age or other cause, it shall be destroyed by the Amildar at once. If it is sound, it shall be retained by the Amildar for 2 months, during which time the owner may arrange with the contractor to purchase it or he may get a pass for its export from the Collector.

(4.) In case the drug is held by the outgoing contractor he shall make it over to the incoming Government contractor who shall take over not less than one month's stock struck on the average sales for the past 12 months, and such further quantity thereof as the new contractor may wish to take, provided the Collector approves the quality of such drug. The Collector shall fix the price of these and all other drugs on the market value of the drug (exclusive of profits) at the time of transfer or on the original invoices produced by the old contractor adding cost of carriage. Any surplus stocks that may remain in the hands of the old contractor shall be ascertained by the Collector and a notice served for its removal within one month's time under an export pass. A security bond shall be taken from the old contractor to protect Government interests for the time the drugs may remain in his possession. But in any case the new contractor shall be bound to make his own arrangements to provide for the requisite supply needed by him to go on with his contract independent of any such settlement as herein set forth. The old contractor shall further be strictly interdicted against inducing the retail vendors to purchase from him more than the average quantity likely to be required by them during the closing and especially the last month of the contract. This Rule shall be strictly enforced.

(5.) The contractor shall keep his stock at his wholesale shop and the licensed retail vendors shall keep their stock in their shops and no where else. The custody of the drugs at the wholesale shop shall be entrusted by the contractor to some responsible person who shall be bound to take out a wholesale license in this behalf in the form (H) so that he may be made directly responsible for his acts. There is no objection to the contractor himself being such wholesale vendor, provided he holds besides the contract bond a wholesale license in the prescribed form (H).

(6.) The contractor shall only sell to licensed retail vendors. The latter shall sell by retail to the public but shall not allow the ganja or its preparation to be consumed on their premises.

Rules framed under Section 13 of the Excise Act.

Rule VII. (1) The following rules are framed under Section 13 of the Excise Act XXII of 1881 as amended by Act VI of 1885 to regulate the sale of intoxicating drugs wholesale and retail.

(2.) Licenses for the wholesale and retail vend of ganja will be issued by the Collector in forms H and I or in such other forms as may be prescribed by Government from time to time.

Excise Act, Section 13.

(3.) The wholesale and retail prices at which ganja and majum shall be sold are hereby fixed as under :—

		Prices per seer of 80 tolas. Rs. As. P.
Ganja	Wholesale	2 1 4
	Retail ..	2 11 4
Majum	Wholesale	0 13 4
	Retail	0 14 0

Halva, bhang and other preparations shall be charged in proportion to the quantity of ganja used in the manufacture thereof which shall be duly specified in the shop accounts and separately accounted for therein.

Rule VIII (1.) The forms of licenses, accounts, passes, &c., as noted in the margin, are hereby prescribed for adoption.

Form A.—Patta or license.
Form B.—Contract bond.
Form C.—Pass for import of ganja.
Form D.—Pass for export of ganja.
Form E.—Pass for transport of ganja.
Form F.—Contractor's pass for ganja sent to Depôts.
Form G.—Pass for removal of ganja from Depôts to retail shops.
Form H.—Whole sale license.
Form I.—Retail do
Form J.—Depôt ledger book.
Forms K. and L.—Account of daily sale of ganja and majum at wholesale Depôts.
Form M.—Retail shop account book.

Rules framed under Section 55 of the Excise Act.

Rule IX. (1.) The following rules are framed under Section 55 of the Excise Act.

(2.) The period for which retail licenses shall run, the fees to be paid therefor, and the period for which the wholesale contract shall run, shall be as specified in the licenses issued for the wholesale and retail vend thereof and in the contract bond entered into between the Government and the contractor.

Excise Act, Section 55, Clause (a)

(3.) The security to be given by every licensed vendor of drugs shall be equal to one-twelfth of his sales annually and not less than Rs. 12.

Excise Act, Section 55, Clause (b).

(4.) The following rules shall be observed in the disposal of drugs and other things confiscated under this Act.

Excise Act, Section 55, Clause (d).

(4*a*.) All articles confiscated under the Excise Act XXII of 1881 shall be made over by the Magistrate ordering the said confiscation to the Treasury Officer to be sold by public auction. All intoxicating drugs liable to confiscation and which have been confiscated according to the provisions of the Act, may be destroyed if bad or more than 18 months' old or unfit for use, but if good shall be sold to the contractor at such reasonable rates as may be approved by the Collector.

Excise Act, Section 55, Clause (e).

(4*b*.) The proceeds of the sale of such confiscated articles shall be credited to Government unless the Magistrate dealing with the case award the whole or any part to the informer or Excise officer at whose instance conviction and confiscation followed. This latter course should as a rule be followed in order to encourage people in detecting and reporting breaches of these rules.

(5.) The duties of Excise officers are detailed in Appendix O, and shall be generally followed by such officers, and the contractors, wholesale and retail vendors, and all those concerned shall accede to requisitions made by such officers to give practical effect to the said instructions.

Excise Act, Section 55, Clause (f).

Rule X. Parties offending against these rules are liable to prosecution under the Excise Act XXII of 1881 as amended by Act VII of 1885.

N. B.—Copies of the appendices and forms referred to in these rules can be had at the Office of the Collector, Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

By Order,
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Assistant to the Resident.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

OVERLAND AND CONTINENTAL MONEY ORDERS.

To—The Deputy Commissioners, Treasury Department, No. 186, *dated* 14*th September* 1886.

The Comptroller of Post Office telegraphs "Money Order Schedule No. 32 in force" from 21st September 1886. Rate 1*s.* 4½*d.* per rupee.

A. RANGASWAMAIENGAR,
Comptroller.